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1. OF THOSE TOPICS IDENTIFIED REFTEL A AS KEY ISSUES
OF MULTILATERAL IMPORTANCE, THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN
WHICH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS SUCH PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE
IS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. THE EC
COMMISSION PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE THROUGHOUT THE CIEC
PROCESS AND WILL BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS WELL IN ANY
FOLLOW-UP THAT OCCURS. THE EC COMMISSION SHOULD
THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED A PRIME INTERLOCUTOR ON ANY
NORTH/SOUTH MULTILATERAL ISSUES. BY DERIVATION
COMMISSION HAS AN INDIRECT INTEREST IN UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES ACTIVE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS--WE NOTE,
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FOR EXAMPLE, BRAD MORSE OF UNDP RECENTLY VISITED COMMISSION, AS HAVE COREA (UNCTAD), LONG (GATT), AND MCNAMARA (IBRD), AMONG OTHERS.

2. MOST OF THE OTHER UN ISSUES SET FORTH IN REFTEL
DO NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVE COMMUNITY COMPETENCE UNDER THE
TREATIES OF ROME AND GENERALLY SHOULD MORE PROPERLY BE

ADDRESSED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE US/EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE, AS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY BRUSSELS (REFTEL B). THERE IS HOWEVER A CATEGORY OF UN ISSUES SUCH AS THE LAW OF THE SEA WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS A DISTINCT ROLE TO PLAY IN COORDINATING THE VIEWS OF, OR DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS AMONG, THE MEMBER STATES; AND WE SHOULD BE ALERT TO EXPLOIT THE COMMISSION CHANNEL WHEN THESE ISSUES ARISE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REFTEL C. THE MISSION AGREES THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY SHOULD BE PARALLELED BY TALKS AT THE EC COMMISSION AS WELL. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PREFERENCE EXPRESSED BY BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (REFTEL B) FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 6 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING AND OPENING OF UNGA SEPTEMBER 27, MISSION OFFICER SPOKE TO FROSCHMAIER (CHEF DE CABINET TO COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS HAFERKAMP), WHO SAID COMMISSION WOULD WELCOME CONSUL-TATIONS WITH U.S. ON UNGA ISSUES DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD NOTE THAT COMMISSION OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETINGS, EC FOREIGN MINISTERS SESSIONS, AND IN THE EC-NINE CAUCUS IN NEW YORK, WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS A PROFESSIONAL-LEVEL STAFF MEMBER WHO IS THE OFFICIAL EC OBSERVER AT THE UN. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 4. AS A FURTHER NOTE, MISSION CONTINUES TO URGE CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN USUN AND MISSIONS OF EC NINE, PLUS COMMISSION DELEGATION TO UN, ON TACTICAL ISSUES AS THEY ARISE DURING UNGA SESSION.
- 5. WITH RESPECT TO DEPARTMENT'S QUERY PARA 2 REF E, MISSION HAS NO CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPLEMENT PREVIOUS REPLY SUBMITTED IN REF D.
- 6. MISSION MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IS POLITICAL OFFICER PETER REAMS.HINTON

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